IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J.B.KOSHY
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE T.R.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

THURSDAY, THE 1ST FEBRUARY 2007 / 12TH MAGHA 1928

WP(C).No. 2690 of 2007(T)

PETITIONER:

S.VISWAMBHARAN, S/O.SUBRAMANIYAN NADAR,
THIKKOTTATHU VEEDU, VADAKKEVILA,
BALARAMAPURAM P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.G.SUDHEER

RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
BALARAMAPURAM POLICE STATION,
BALARAMAPURAM.

BY G.P. SHRI P.A. SALIM

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 01/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

J.B. Koshy & T.R. Ramachandran Nair, JJ.

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Dated this the day of February, 2007.

JUDGMENT

Koshy, J.

This petition is filed alleging police harassment. The petitioner is the registered owner of a contract carriage vehicle bearing registration No.KL-20-2424. According to the petitioner, he purchased the vehicle with the help of financial assistance and he has to repay the amount in monthly instalments. But in view of the police harassment, he is unable to operate the vehicle.

2. Learned Govt. Pleader submits that there were large scale complaints that there are parallel operations of stage carriage buses and cases were registered against some of such operators. The police personnel were attacked by certain parallel service operators and the Magistrate passed an order Ext.P5 directing that no parallel service is being operated within the limits of Balaramapuram Police Station. According to the learned Govt. Pleader, the police is enforcing the same. However, what is prohibited is only running of parallel service.

3. It is submitted that police will not harass the petitioner if the petitioner operates contract carriage service as allowed by law. Recording

the above submission, the writ petition is disposed of.

(J. B. Koshy, Judge.)

(T.R. Ramachandran Nair, Judge.)

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